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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: BIOLOGICAL GENETIC  
EFFECTS

1. PROJECT CHAIRMAN DAVID RALL (HEW) HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL  
CABLE FROM SOVIET CHAIRMAN N.P. DUBININ FORMALLY INVITING  
10-11 U.S. SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIUM ON  
MUTAGENESIS FEB. 18-25 IN MOSCOW (WITH VISIT TO KIEV FEB.  
25-MARCH 1). CABLE ASKS FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS, AND ADDS  
THAT "AS INDICATED IN THE MEMORANDUM IN THE POINT CONCERNING  
SYMPOSIA, THE SENDING COUNTRY PAYS FOR TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODA-  
TION EXPENSES OF THE VISITING GROUP."

2. MEMORANDUM DOES NOTHING OF THE KIND, OF COURSE. IN FACT  
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IT IS SILENT ON FINANCING. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, THERE IS A SUPPLE-

MENT TO THE MEMORANDUM, WHICH DOES DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT, AND WE ARE AWAITING WORD FROM SOVIET SIDE AS TO ACCEPTABILITY OF U.S. DRAFT (WHICH WAS ADAPTED FROM SOVIET DRAFT WITH SOME CHANGES AND GIVEN TO KAZAKOV BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE). HOWEVER, THIS SUPPLEMENT ALSO IS SILENT ON QUESTION OF PAYMENT FOR SYMPOSIUMS. WE ARE AWARE THAT SOVIET SIDE MAKES DISTINCTION FOR FINANCIAL PURPOSES BETWEEN FORMAL "WORKING GROUP MEETING" AND "SYMPOSIUM" OR "MEETING OF SPECIALISTS," BUT U.S. SIDE OF COURSE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THIS DISTINCTION. OUR PRINCIPLE IS RECIPROCITY: IF PROJECT IS ON "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS" BASIS, AS THIS ONE IS, THEN U.S. SIDE PAYS FOR SOVIETS HERE AND VICE-VERSA, REGARDLESS OF PURPOSE OF MEETING. IN PRESENT CASE, HEW PAID FOR VISIT BY FOUR-MAN SOVIET GROUP HEADED BY DR. DUBININ IN JUNE; THEREFORE HEW EXPECTS SOVIET SIDE TO PAY FOR UPCOMING VISIT. ALTHOUGH U.S. SPECIALISTS WILL ATTEND SYMPOSIUM, DR. RALL ALSO CONSIDERS THAT THIS IS "WORKING GROUP MEETING," AND IT IS IN FACT ONLY SUCH MEETING PLANNED DURING 1974. OBVIOUSLY DR. RALL IS AWARE OF IMBALANCE IN NUMBERS, AND HE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS FAIR SETTLEMENT IN THIS RESPECT. BUT U.S. SIDE MUST INSIST THAT IT IS UP TO SOVIET SIDE TO PAY FOR THIS VISIT FOR AT LEAST SOME OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE THIS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY WITH HYDROMET. POINT OUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EQUITABLE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WHEN MUCH LARGER NUMBERS OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED. BUT NOTE THAT ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IS RECIPROCITY. IF SOVIET SIDE ASKS U.S. SIDE TO PAY FOR OUR VISIT THERE AFTER WE HAVE PAID FOR SOVIET VISIT HERE, THEY WILL BE JEOPARDIZING ALL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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